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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
FORWARDING DATA IN A  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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Examiner: Phuc H. Tran

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 22, 2009, applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.